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Box No. 1 Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:



the international application in the language in which it was filed

a translation of the international application into _____,
which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))



publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))



international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

the international application as originally filed/furnished



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the claims, Nos. _____



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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1 - 8</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	<u>1 - 8</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1 - 8</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The invention relates to a mobile phone assembly and is intended to cut down the number of separate parts, reduce time and stages in the assembly and reduce the costs of the complete mobile phone.

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US 4703160 A
D2: US 5541813 A
D3: US 5432676 A

Document D1 (column 3, line 55 - column 8, line 11, figures 1 - 5, abstract) discloses a base part (18, 16, 14, 12) for a portable electronic appliance (10). The base part (18, 16, 14, 12) consists of a (hard) body part (16, 14, 12) including a keypad (28), a window (18) and a soft middle part (24), which connects the body parts (18, 16, 14, 12). The window (18) is foldable against the (hard) body part (16) along a hinge line (24) created in the soft middle part (24). The base part (18, 16, 14, 12) is constructed of a resilient material so that the thinned narrow strip portion (24, 26) formed between every adjacent two parts (18, 16, 14, 12) provides an integral hinge joint (24, 26). Thus, the parts (18, 16, 14, 12) that are not thinned are hard compared to the hinge joints (24, 26). The base part (18, 16, 14, 12) is injection molded from an elastomer resin. The integral hinge reduces the number of components and simplifies the assembly of the appliance (column 10, lines 10 - 21).

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Document D2 (column 4, line 61 - column 8, line 5, figures 1 - 10, abstract) discloses a base part (6) for a mobile phone (1). The base part (6) consists of two hard body parts (6) and a soft middle part (7), which connects the hard body parts (6). One of the hard body parts (6) is foldable against the other hard body part (6) along a hinge line (7) created in the soft middle part (7). The base part (6) is manufactured by injection molding with a first injection mold (33, 36, 25, 20) producing two hard body parts (6) of hard plastic (6a), and injection molding with a soft polyurethane resin producing a soft middle part (7a) which has a hinge line (7a) to fold up one of the hard body parts (6) against the other hard body part (6).

Document D3 (column 4, line 61 - column 8, line 28, figures 1 - 10, abstract) discloses a similar technique.

The invention claimed in claims 1 - 5 differs from what is known from document D1, the closest prior art, essentially in that the portable electronic appliance is a mobile phone.

The technical problem is how to find a new use for the base part of document D1.

Considering that a mobile phone is a well known example of a portable electronic appliance, wherein a reduction of the number of component members and elements in assembling the appliance is desirable, and that no unexpected technical effect is obtained, it would be obvious to suggest the use of the base part of document D1 for a mobile phone. Therefore, the invention claimed in claims 1 - 5 is novel but lacks an inventive step. Claims 1 - 5 fulfil the requirement of industrial applicability.

The invention claimed in claims 6 - 7 differs from what is known from document D1, the closest prior art, essentially in that the portable electronic appliance is a mobile phone and that the injection molding is performed with hard plastic for the window and the hard body part, and with a soft elastomer for the soft middle part.

The technical problem is how to find a new use for the base part of document D1 and how to find an alternative method of manufacture.

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A person skilled in the art finds this method of manufacture from document D2, which relates to a mobile phone. Considering this and that no unexpected technical effect is obtained, it would be obvious to suggest manufacturing the base part of document D1 using the technique of document D2 and using the base part for a mobile phone.

Therefore, the invention claimed in claims 6 - 7 is novel but lacks an inventive step. Claims 6 - 7 fulfil the requirement of industrial applicability.

The invention claimed in claim 8 is obvious to a person skilled in the art. Therefore, the invention claimed in claim 8 is novel but lacks an inventive step. Claim 8 fulfils the requirement of industrial applicability.

To sum up, the invention claimed in claims 1 - 8 is novel but lacks an inventive step. All the claims fulfil the requirement of industrial applicability.